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JAY HIGH SWAT CLUB RECEIVES MINI-GRANT FROM RURAL HEALTH NETWORK

Raising Awareness for Tobacco Free Events



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Milton, Fla. — The Jay High School Students Working Against Tobacco (S.W.A.T.) Club was awarded a \$500.00 mini-grant from the Northwest Florida Rural Health Network. The grant will be used for a promotional campaign project. Students will explore ways to raise awareness concerning tobacco-free events in Jay and surrounding rural communities.

The Jay High S.W.A.T. Club wants to remind residents and visitors of the local commitment to remain tobacco-free at various town events. Going on three years, the Students from Jay High have advocated at Town Council meetings for tobacco-free policies. The council members have unanimously agreed to support tobacco free events that are sponsored by the Town of Jay. Some of the events include: “Trick or Treat in the Street”, “Joy in Jay”, and other community events held in the city park.

The S.W.A.T. program is sponsored by the Santa Rosa County Health Department and the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida. The Jay High S.W.A.T. Club has been advocating and fighting Big Tobacco companies since 2018 and consistently makes its mission known throughout the school and community. The students at Jay High are advised by teacher, Teresa Dobson, and county S.W.A.T. Coordinator, Kristie Beckstrom.

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